POC

Products of Conception **by Igenomix**[®]

Helping to identify the cause of miscarriage



of miscarriages in the first trimester are caused by chromosomal abnormalities

If you have experienced one or more miscarriages, you may be wondering, why?

Unfortunately, miscarriages in the first trimester of pregnancy are common. In about 50% (1 in 2) of cases, the cells of the developing baby (the foetal cells) contain a chromosome abnormality. This figure increases to more than 60% in women having assisted reproductive treatment.

Chromosomes are the structures that hold our genetic information (DNA). Usually, we have 23 pairs of chromosomes (46 chromosomes in total); one chromosome in each pair comes from our biological mother and the other comes from our biological father. If foetal cells have extra or missing chromosome material (for example, a whole extra chromosome or a missing chromosome - or part of a chromosome), this can lead to miscarriage.

Products of Conception (**POC**) testing analyses foetal tissue to see if any chromosome abnormalities are present that may have contributed to the miscarriage.

(Martinez et al., 2010; Campos-Galindo et al., 2012)



Benefits of our POC test

- Reliable: Results are obtained in 99%¹ of cases, the 86.4% of foetal origin.
- · Fast: Results in 15 working days.
- **Rules out maternal contamination:** a blood or saliva sample from the mother verifies that the analysed material is foetal in origin.

The **POC** test may provide the cause of miscarriage, which may be helpful in planning future pregnancies.



Test procedure







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